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SUBJECT: ARMS FOR JUDGES, PROSECUTORS, AND COURT-  
APPOINTED COUNSEL AT THE LORENZ TRIAL

REFS: (A) USBER 1489 AND PREVIOUS  
(B) BONN 11406

1. AT THE JUNE 29 BONN GROUP MEETING, THE FRG REP  
(VON RICHTHOFEN) AGAIN RAISED THE QUESTION OF ARMS  
FOR PROSECUTORS, ET AL. IN THE LORENZ TRIAL. HE  
REVIEWED THE DISCUSSION AT THE MOST RECENT QUADRI-  
PARTITE AMBASSADORIAL LUNCHEON (REF B, PARA 10) AND  
SAID THAT THE ALLIED VIEWS EXPRESSED THERE HAD BEEN

PASSED TO THE JUSTICE MINISTRY. COMMENTING THAT THE  
JUSTICE MINISTRY CONTINUED TO BE VERY INTERESTED  
IN THE MATTER, HE ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF ALLIED  
CONSIDERATION OF THE PROBLEM.

2. THE UK REP (EYERS) NOTED THAT THE UK CHARGE HAD  
SAID AT THE LUNCHEON THAT IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS TO  
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ALTER ALLIED LEGISLATION OF THE POST-WAR ERA. WITHIN  
THOSE LIMITS, HOWEVER, THE UK MISSION IN BERLIN HAD  
BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SEEK A WAY TO ALLOW THE ARMING  
OF THOSE AFFECTED. IF ONE WAS FOUND, THE BRITISH  
WOULD CONSULT WITH THE OTHER TWO ALLIES AND THE FRG.  
HE ADDED THAT THE AXEL SPRINGER GUARDS REQUEST FOR ARMS WAS  
ALSO STILL ON THE AGENDA.

3. THE FRENCH REP (RICHARD) SAID THAT PARIS CONTINUED TO BELIEVE THAT ADDITIONAL BODYGUARDS WERE THE BEST SOLUTION. OF COURSE, IF A WAY COULD BE FOUND TO JUSTIFY PROVIDING ARMS TO THE TRIAL AUTHORITIES WITHOUT CHANGING QUADRIpartite LEGISLATION, THE QUAI

MIGHT BE WILLING TO GO ALONG. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BY THE US REP AS TO WHETHER THE FRENCH WOULD AGREE PROVIDED THIS WAS CONSISTENT WITH QUADRIpartite LEGISLATION, RICHARD ANSWERED THAT THE FRENCH OPPOSED NOT ONLY A CHANGE IN THE TEXT OF THE LEGISLATION BUT ALSO A CHANGE IN THE LONGSTANDING ALLIED INTERPRETATION OF THE RELEVANT LEGISLATION.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE ASKED EYERS ABOUT HIS AMBASSADOR'S APPARENTLY "LUKEWARM" VIEW ON THE QUESTION (REF B). EYERS SAID THE UK FAVORS GRANTING PERMISSION TO CARRY ARMS, PROVIDED THAT THIS CAN BE DONE WITHOUT CHANGING QUADRIpartite LEGISLATION. RICHARD TAKES THIS A STEP FURTHER BY SAYING THAT THE ALLIED "INTERPRETATION" SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED. FOR THE MOMENT, THEN, THERE APPEARS TO BE NO GIVE ON THE FRENCH SIDE, ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER RICHARD'S GLOSS REFLECTS AN INSTRUCTED POSITION. STOESSEL  
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